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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and FBI Special Agent-in-Charge J. P. Weis today announced the filing of a three-count information¹ charging JAMES ANTHONY ALLEVA with altering a military or naval discharge certificate, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 498, unauthorized wearing of military medals or decorations, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 704(a), and falsely representing himself, verbally or in writing, as having been awarded decorations and medals, which he was never awarded, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 704(b). Under federal law, it is unlawful to falsely alter a military discharge certificate, wear military medals or decorations without proper authorization, and falsely claim to have been awarded decorations and medals, which were never awarded by the armed forces of the United States.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
JAMES ANTHONY ALLEVA	54

If convicted, ALLEVA faces a maximum sentence of two-years imprisonment, one-year supervised release, a \$110,000 fine, and a \$45 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Jose R. Arteaga.

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¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.